

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Examiner: HUBBERT, Catherine, S. Art Unit: 1636  
Re: Application of: NALDINE, Luigi et al.  
Serial No.: 10/554,181  
Filed: December 27, 2005  
For: **LENTIVIRAL VECTORS CARRYING SYNTHETIC  
BI-DIRECTIONAL PROMOTERS AND USES  
THEREOF**  
Confirmation No. 1875

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE  
WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**October 12, 2010**

**S I R :**

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 12, 2009, the Advisory Action dated January 26, 2010, and further to the Notice of Appeal mailed on May 12, 2010, please amend this application as follows. A Petition for Extension of Time for three months, up to and including October 12, 2010, together with the required fee for a small entity, is also enclosed, along with a Request for Continued Examination, and the required fee for a small entity. A Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.132 is also enclosed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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